

**What is claimed is:**

1. A method of treating hydrocephalus in an animal, comprising the step of intraventricular administration of hepatocyte growth factor (HGF).
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the HGF is human recombinant HGF.
3. A pharmaceutical compound useful for the treatment of hydrocephalus, comprising HGF and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
4. The compound of claim 3, wherein the HGF is human recombinant HGF (hrHGF).